

## Fourth Ward Report

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#### Minneapolis 311

Dial 311 from any phone in the City limits. Outside of the City call: 612-673-3000

E-mail 311: minneapolis311@minn eapolismn.gov

311 Online Services: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/311/

### 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden



## National Night Out

The 29th Annual National Night Out (NNO) is happening Tuesday, August 7. National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a

great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family. For more information, see the **Minneapolis NNO mission statement.** 

### Primary - Tuesday, August 14, 2012

The August Primary Ballot will contain both partisan and possibly non-partisan offices. There are no write-ins in a Primary.



#### **Partisan Offices**

Voters nominate candidates to the General Election from those who filed within the three major parties. In Minnesota the three major political parties are the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, Independence Party and Republican Party. In Minneapolis, the Partisan Primary ballot will be on the front of the ballot. Privately voters must vote within only one political party but are not required to publicly declare their party choice. In some other states, voters register to vote by political party and receive only the ballot with that party on it. In Minnesota all voters receive the same ballot and privately vote within the one party of their choice. Minor party candidates and independent candidates go directly to the General Election ballot.

## Non-Partisan Offices – Hennepin County, Minneapolis School Board & Judicial offices

If more than two candidates file for an office, there will be a Primary contest. Voters may vote for any candidate in a non-partisan contest.

- Minneapolis School Board At-Large Member one seat to be elected
- Minneapolis School Board District Members for Districts 2, 4 & 6 one seat for each district

For information on voter registration, absentee voting, new precinct polling locations or any other election-related question, please call 311 or visit <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/index.htm">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/index.htm</a>

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## New Rules on Door-to-Door Salespeople Offer More Protection to Consumers, Youth Workers

The Minneapolis City Council unanimously approved new rules for door-to-door sales that will protect consumers and make it more difficult for out-of-state companies to exploit youth workers. A series of changes to City ordinance affect salespeople who travel from place to place, selling merchandise door-to-door, taking orders for future delivery of merchandise, or setting up a temporary business at one location to sell merchandise. Under the

new rules, door-to-door salespeople and transient merchants will be required to wear a City-issued photo identification card. To make things easier for schools and youth groups doing fundraising, the City will approve group identification cards at no cost. The photo identification rule does not apply to canvassers, including people who advocate for religious, social, or political causes. The City has regulated traveling vendors since 1960 as a way to provide consumer protection. These ordinance revisions are intended to create reasonable rules that protect youth and consumers while supporting the rights to freedom of speech, religion, and interstate commerce.

# Minneapolis Launches 311 Mobile App for City Service Requests

Reporting potholes, graffiti, and broken street lights to the City of Minneapolis just got easier with the launch of the new Minneapolis 311 mobile application.



Minneapolis residents can now report issues to the City through a free app on their iPhone or Android devices without calling 311 or visiting the City's website. Those who use Blackberry or Windows Phone devices can report service requests to Minneapolis 311 by visiting **SeeClickFix.com** on their mobile browser. Ten service requests are available with the launch of the app and more will be added throughout the year as the seasons change. With the launch of the mobile app, folks will be able to report issues to Minneapolis 311 related to the following:

- Abandoned vehicle
- Graffiti
- · Parking meters
- Parking violations
- Potholes
- Traffic signal timing
- Broken street light
- Traffic sign repair
- Traffic signal trouble

GPS will provide the location of the service request and people will also be able to submit a photo to add more detail to their request. Just like making a request by calling 311 or using the City's website, the person making the service request will be able to follow their request from start to finish. Service requests with the app can be made any time of day whether or not 311 is open for business and the request will be reported to the appropriate City department immediately. The mobile app is available in the App Store or in the Android Market on your smart phone. Just search for "Minneapolis 311."

### Emily's F&M Diner

Congratulations to **Emily's F & M Café**, located at 2124 – 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., which is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. This family restaurant is well known for their great breakfasts as well as Emily's homemade spaghetti sauce.





## Consider a Donation to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control

When animals are brought to the Minneapolis Animal Care & Control (MACC), they do not turn them away. In fact, nearly 4,000 animals will be cared for this year by staff, veterinarians

and volunteers. MACC is supported by the city's general revenue fund and must compete for limited resources with other important city services, including the Police and Fire Departments. With your help, MACC can continue to improve and expand our operations and programs for needy animals in our community. **Please consider an online donation**. Your donation may be tax deductible; please check with your tax advisor. Animal Control also accepts gifts of unopened pet food, durable toys and other items. For more information, please visit

http://www.minneapolismn.gov/animals/animal-control\_donate

# Top 5 Fourth Ward Service Requests to Minneapolis 311

Minneapolis 311 is a simple, three-digit number residents, businesses and visitors can call to reach the City to inquire about services, report problems, check the status of issues, or get information.

#### July, 2012

Rank	Department Name	Service Request Type	Number of Service Requests
1	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	165
2	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	49
3	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	45
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	43
5	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	21